Claims:

1. The addition of inflatable and /or compressible and/or controllable lining to stents (medical or non medical) to function as a valve for the flow of fluids or gases through.
    a. This includes any form of stents including but not limited to metallic, plastic, totally inflatable stents or otherwise of medical or non medical use.
    b. This includes all shapes of stent designs including but not limited to ring, tubular, cylindrical, cone, pentagonal ...etc.
    c. This includes all shapes and materials of linings used for the same purpose including but not limited to Gortex, Teflon, PTFE.
2. The addition of fixed lining narrowing excluding animal native or treated valves to stents (medical or non medical) to function as a valve for the flow of fluids or gases through.
    a. This includes any form of stents including but not limited to metallic, plastic, totally inflatable stents or otherwise of medical or non medical use.
    b. This includes all shapes of stent designs including but not limited to ring, tubular, cylindrical, cone, pentagonal ...etc.
    c. This includes all shapes and materials of linings used for the same purpose including but not limited to Gortex, Teflon, PTFE.
3. Stentless designs used for the same purpose (to function as a valve for the flow of fluids or gases through a vessel). The implantation techniques includes but is not limited to interventional, surgical or endoscopic).
4. The use of this technique includes but is not limited to inside the blood vessels, airways, urinary, gastrointestinal passages or industrial pipes.
5. This includes but is not limited to the design suggested above for this purpose.
6. The designs that will achieve the valve function for the flow inside the vessel in one or more than one direction are included as well.

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